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Defendants.

COMPLAINT

INTRODUCTION

This is an action for actual and statutory damages brought by plaintiff 1.

ANN OGBENI an individual consumer, against defendant CREDITORS

FINANCIAL GROUP LLC (hereinafter referred to as "CREDITORS

FINANCIAL" or "Defendant") for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices

Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. (hereinafter "FDCPA") and the Rosenthal Fair Debt

-1-COMPLAINT Collection Practices Act, Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1788 et seq. (hereinafter "RFDCPA"), which prohibit debt collectors from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair practices.

VENUE AND JURISDICTION

2. Jurisdiction of this court arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1788.30, and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and § 1337. Venue in this District is proper in that the Defendant transacts business here and the conduct complained of occurred here.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff, ANN OGBENI is a consumer, a natural person allegedly obligated to pay any debt, residing in Riverside County, in the state of California.
- 4. Defendant, CREDITORS FINANCIAL is a corporation engaged in the business of collecting debt in this state with its headquarters located at 3131 South Vaughn Way, Suite 110, Aurora, Colorado 80014. The principal purpose of Defendant is the collection of debts throughout the United States and Defendant regularly attempts to collect debts alleged to be due another.
- 5. Defendant is engaged in the collection of debts from consumers using the mail and telephone. Defendant regularly attempts to collect consumer debts alleged to be due to another. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6), and the Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.2.

FACTS

- 6. Upon information and belief, within one year prior to the filing of this complaint, Defendant placed collection calls to Plaintiff, seeking and demanding payment for an alleged consumer debt owed under an account number.
- 7. The debt that Defendant is attempting to collect on is an alleged obligation of a consumer to pay money arising out of a transaction in which the money, property, insurance or services which are the subject of the transaction are primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, whether or not such obligation has been reduced to judgment.
- 8. Upon information and belief, Defendant began contacting Plaintiff and placing collection calls to Plaintiff prior to July of 2012.
- 9. Defendant calls Plaintiff and hangs up before having the opportunity to leave voice messages.
- 10. Defendant failed to identify itself as a debt collector in subsequent communications.
 - 11. Defendant failed to meaningfully disclose its identity.
- 12. Defendant engaged in false and deceptive means in attempting to collect a debt by failing to identify itself as a debt collector in subsequent communications.

13. Defendant engaged in false and deceptive means in attempting to collect a debt by failing to disclose its identity.

COUNT I - FDCPA

- 14. Plaintiff repeats and realleges and incorporates by reference to the foregoing paragraphs.
- 15. Defendant violated the FDCPA. Defendant's violations include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - i) 15 U.S.C. §1692d(5);
 - ii) 15 U.S.C. §1692d(6);
 - iii) 15 U.S.C. §1692e(10);
 - iv) 15 U.S.C. §1692e(11).
- 16. As a result of the foregoing violations of the FDCPA, Defendant is liable to the plaintiff ANN OGBENI for actual damages, statutory damages, and costs and attorney fees.

COUNT II - RFDCPA

- 17. Plaintiff ANN OGBENI repeats and realleges and incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs.
- 18. Defendant violated the RFDCPA. Defendant's violations include, but are not limited to the following:
 - i) Cal. Civ. Code §1788.11(b);

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- ii) Cal. Civ. Code §1788.11(d);
- iii) Cal. Civ. Code §1788.11(e);
- iv) Cal. Civ. Code §1788.17.
- 19. Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1788.11(b)(d) and (e) state in pertinent part that:

No debt collector shall attempt to collect a consumer debt by means of the following practices:

- (b) Placing telephone calls without disclosure of the caller's identity, provided that an employee of a licensed collection agency may identify himself by using his registered alias name as long as he correctly identifies the agency he represents;
- (d) Causing a telephone to ring repeatedly or continuously to annoy the person called; or
- (e) Communicating, by telephone or in person, with the debtor with such frequency as to be unreasonable and to constitute an harassment to the debtor under the circumstances.
- 20. Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.17 states in pertinent part that:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, every debt collector collecting or attempting to collect a consumer debt shall comply with the provisions of Sections 1692b to 1692j, inclusive, of, and shall be subject to the remedies in Section 1692k of, Title 15 of the United States Code. However, subsection (11) of Section 1692e and Section 1692g shall not apply to any person specified in paragraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (6) of Section 1692a of Title 15 of the United States Code or that person's principal. The references to federal codes in this section refer to those codes as they read January 1, 2001.

21. Defendant's acts as described above were done intentionally with the purpose of coercing Plaintiff to pay the alleged debt.

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As a result of the foregoing violations of the RFDCPA, Defendant is 22. liable to the plaintiff ANN OGBENI for actual damages, statutory damages, and costs and attorney fees. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff ANN OGBENI respectfully requests that judgment be entered against defendant CREDITORS FINANCIAL for the following: A. Actual damages. B. Statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k. C. Statutory damages pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.30. D. Costs and reasonable attorney fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k and 12 13 Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.30. 14 E. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. 15 16 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, 17 PRICE LAW GROUP APC DATED: July 13, 2012 18 19 By: G. Thomas Martin, III 20 Attorney for Plaintiff 21 22 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 23 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, ANN OGBENI demands trial by 24 jury in this action. 25 26 27

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to	District Judge	Stephen V.	Wilson and	the assigned
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The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

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All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge
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PRICE LAW GROUP, APC 15760 Ventura Blvd., Suite 1100

Encino, CA 91436

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